

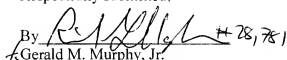
REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of all claims in this application. It has come to Applicants attention that claims 8, 9, 16, and 17 may not be properly dependent from claim 3, in that claim 3 recites a *curable* composition, while claims 8, 9, 16, and 17 contemplate *cured* compositions of claim 3. Once the compositions have been cured into coatings, they are no longer – strictly speaking – curable compositions. Accordingly, this Amendment rewrites claims 8, 9, 16, and 17 in independent form. Entry of this Amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 is in order and is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Gallagher (Registration No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

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